



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

02/23/05
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PLACEMENTS DOWN 4%

For the week ending February 19, 2005, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 4.0% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 million) increased 4.0% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, an increase of 1.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.9 million for the week ending February 12, 2005 compared to 10.8 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
12/25/04	13,621	14,010	11,278	11,235	11,278	11,237
01/01/05	13,595	13,713	11,385	11,464	11,385	11,464
01/08/05	13,634	13,875	11,233	11,487	11,233	11,487
01/15/05	13,755	13,402	11,151	11,657	11,151	11,657
01/22/05	13,656	13,114	11,217	11,418	11,217	11,418
01/29/05	13,432	13,707	11,194	11,486	11,194	11,486
02/05/05	13,500	13,977	11,358	11,155	11,358	11,155
02/12/05	13,842	14,008	11,058	10,935	11,058	10,985
02/19/05	13,901	14,083	10,922	11,363	10,922	11,363

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	02/26/05	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	69.71	69.79	71.21	76.36
12-City Composite 2/	71.47	71.37	72.05	74.51

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.